

Zimbabwe: Media to boycott reform conference

HARARE: The Zimbabwe Union of Journalists (ZUJ) and the Media Alliance of Zimbabwe (MAZ) have called for a media reform conference taking place this week to be boycotted after two Zimbabwean journalists were arrested for the second time.

Veteran broadcaster and leading human rights activist Jestina Mukoko, and freelance journalist Andriison Manyere, as well as 13 members of the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) have been charged with terrorism, banditry and sabotage. The 15 people who have been re-arrested were released on bail two months ago.

The decision to remand Mukoko and Manyere in custody has caused consternation among journalists, civic society and the opposition MDC, as they were released on recommendation of the Joint Monitoring and Implementation Committee (JOMIC).

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